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which all members of this small survey perceived and agreed upon as life-affirming or denying are indeed relevant to physical or mental health, illness or illness behaviour. The subjective perception of what it means to 'say yes to life' therefore seems to have sufficient relevance to real health issues for the subject to be explored in greater detail. The crucial research question for the future is whether people who 'say yes to life' are actually healthier than those who do not.

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Pharmacology & Toxicology

Adverse Drug Reactions - The Scale and Nature of the Problem and the Way Forward. R D Mann, ed (pp 240, £38) ISBN 0-940813-13-0, New Jersey: Parthenon Press 1987

Analytical Procedures for Therapeutic Drug Monitoring and Emergency Toxicology. 2nd edn. R C Baselt (pp 329, £34) ISBN 0-88416-722-4, Littleton, Massachusetts: PSG Publishing 1987

Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors. J B Kostis & E A DeFelice, eds (pp 285, \$39.50) ISBN 0-8451-4240-2, New York: Alan Liss 1987

Fifty Years of Phenytoin (International Congress and Symposium Series, No. 120). M Dam & A Richens, eds (pp 32, £5 non-Members, £2.50 Members) ISBN 0-905958-52-7, Royal Society of Medicine Services 1987

1200 Multiple Choice Questions in Pharmacology, 2nd edn. R W Foster (pp 177, £6.95) ISBN 0-407-01450-0, Sevenoaks: Butterworths 1987

Zoladex - a New Treatment for Prostatic Cancer (International Congress and Symposium Series, No. 125). G D Chisholm, ed (pp 62, £7.50 non-Members, £3.75 Members) ISBN 0-905958-58-6, Royal Society of Medicine Services 1987

Malignant diseases

Cancer Cytogenetics. S Heim & F Mitelman (pp 309, \$35) ISBN 0-8451-4239-9, New York: Alan Liss 1987

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia. Recent Progress and Future Direction (UCLA Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology, New Series, Vol 59). R P Gale & K R Rai, eds (pp 432, \$80) ISBN 0-8451-2658-X, New York: Alan Liss 1987

Developments in Preventive Oncology, Parts A & B. N E Nieburgs, ed (pp 544 & 466, £96 each) ISBN 0-8451-4299-2, New York: Alan Liss 1987

External Fixation: Joint Deformities and Bone Fractures. M V Volkov & O V Oganessian (pp 366, £60) ISBN 0-8936-1795-5, Madison, USA: International University Press 1987



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PROGRAMME FOR APRIL 1988

Wednesday 6 April

FORUM ON MENTAL RETARDATION

All day meeting: Educational and remedial applications of the new technology with people with severe and profound mental handicap

Further details will be available from Ms Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Services Department.

HISTORY OF MEDICINE

6.00 pm Mr Jenner, surgeon at Berkeley
Mr John Kirkup

Friday 8 April

CLINICAL

4.00 pm Presentation of cases

5.00 pm Discussion of cases
Further details will be available from Mr Martin Mc Mahon, Sections Office.

ANAESTHETICS

5.30 pm Subject: **Monitoring to the 21st century**
Cardiovascular
Professor C Prys-Roberts
Respiratory
Professor G Jones
Computer aspects
Dr G N C Kenny
Responsibility to monitor
Dr J Wall
Discussion

Monday 11 April

CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY & ALLERGY

2.00 pm Programme to be arranged
Further details will be available from Mrs Francoise Banrand-Hebert, Sections Office.

MEASUREMENT IN MEDICINE

6.00 pm Subject: **The measurement of doctors' prescribing and how this effects actual clinical practice**
Organizer: Dr Janet Hormbrey
Further details will be available from Mr Martin Mc Mahon, Sections Office.

MEDICAL & DENTAL HYPNOSIS

8.00 pm Title to be announced
Speaker: Dr Clive Jolly

Tuesday 12 April

ORTHOPAEDICS

8.00 pm Short paper meeting
Further details will be available from Mrs Francoise Banrand-Hebert, Sections Office.

Wednesday 13 April

ONCOLOGY

5.00 pm Subject: **Interleukins and tumour necrosis factor**
Therapeutic potential of lymphokines in cancer
Professor D Dumonde
Response of cancer patients to interleukin 2
Dr M Pulley
Relationship of TNF to other cytokines
Professor J Playfair
Experimental and clinical observations with human recombinant factor
Dr P Selby

Thursday 14 April**NEUROLOGY**

- 6.00 pm** Subject: **The role of clinical neurophysiology in orthopaedic surgery**
The relevance of spinal cord monitoring in the surgery of spinal deformities
 Dr S Jones, Mr M A Edgar
EMG investigation of painful backs
 Dr C J Fowler
Sensory evoked potentials in route lesions
 Dr M Sedgewick
Annual General Meeting: Election of Officers and Council for 1988/89. A list of nominees can be seen on the noticeboard in the Society's House.

Monday 18 April**OPEN**

- 6.00 pm** Subject: **Complementary medicine: what is its place?**
 Further details will be available from Mrs Francoise Banrand-Hebert, Sections Office.
Annual General Meeting: Election of Officers and Council for 1988/89. A list of nominees can be seen on the noticeboard in the Society's House.

Tuesday 19 April**PATHOLOGY**

- 9.30 am** Subject: **Update in histopathology. Value of new techniques**
Breast
 Dr R Millis
Lung
 Dr K Gatter
11.00 am *Coffee*
11.15 am **Female genital tract**
 Dr M Wells
Gastrointestinal tract
 Dr M F Dixon
12.45 pm *Lunch*
2.15 pm **Bone**
 Dr J Pringle
Kidney
 Dr J d'Ardenne
3.45 pm *Tea*
4.00 pm **Lymphoid system**
 Dr P A Hall
 Registration: Fellows £8.00, Non-Fellows £10.00, Lunch £8.50
 Application forms are available from Miss Judy Cook, Sections Officer.

OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE

- 6.00 pm** Subject: **The diving industry**
Recent advances in deep diving physiology
 Dr Zoltan Torok

OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE-contd

- Treatment of compressed air decompression accidents**
 Dr Nicholas McIver
Long-term sequelae of diving
 Professor David Elliott

Wednesday 20 April**COMPARATIVE MEDICINE**

- Subject: **Controlling pain and distress**
1.00 pm Lunch and registration
2.00 pm **Introduction**
 Professor A D Dayan
Recognition and assessment
 Mr P H M Griffiths
 (Fisons plc, Loughborough)
Physical care
 Dr H B Waynforth
 (SKF Research Ltd, Welwyn)
Medicinal prospects
 Dr C C Jordan
 (Glaxo Group Research, Ware)
3.30 pm *Tea*
4.00 pm **Guidelines and regulations**
 Dr J V Lucke
 (Home Office, Swindon)
Defining the indefinable
 Mr M G Spencer
 (Paper Buildings, London)
5.00 pm Concluding discussion
5.15 pm Close
5.30 pm **Annual General Meeting:** Election of Officers and Council for 1988/89. A list of nominees can be seen on the noticeboard in the Society's House.
5.45 pm Close of AGM
6.30 for Annual Dinner of the Section
7.00 pm
 Registration fees: Fellows £3.00, Non-Fellows £5.00, Lunch £8.50
 Tickets for the Annual Dinner are £20.00 each, inclusive of wine, and should be obtained in advance.
 Application forms are available from Miss Judy Cook, Sections Officer.

COLO-PROCTOLOGY

- 6.00 pm** Short paper meeting
 Further details will be available from Miss Judy Cook, Sections Officer.

GENERAL PRACTICE

- 8.00 pm** Subject: **Medicine in Europe**
 Professor Robin Hall, of Birmingham and Amsterdam Universities, will start the meeting by showing a videotape of practice in three European countries. He will then continue by considering training for family medicine specifically in Holland. The discussion will then be opened by Dr Alan Porter, who has spent some time working in France.
 Members are asked to make their own arrangements with the Restaurant Manager if they wish to have a meal before the Section meeting.

Thursday 21 April**DERMATOLOGY****3.00 pm** Presentation of cases**4.00 pm** Discussion of cases

Members wishing to show cases should inform the Honorary Secretary, Dr R J Hay, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE as soon as possible. Copies of the uniform plan for the presentation of cases can be obtained on request. No more than 25 non-members can be admitted to the demonstration of cases. Fellows who are not also members of the Section must obtain admission tickets direct from the Sections Office. Non-fellows must obtain a ticket (£5.00 per meeting) direct from the Sections Office prior to the meeting and be introduced by a member of the Section.

Friday 22 April**RADIOLOGY****4.30 pm** **Annual General Meeting:** Election of Officers and Council for the 1988/89 Session. A list of nominees can be seen on the noticeboard in the Society's House.**5.00 pm** Presidential Address:**Overview of the past 25 years**

Miss Irene Cade

5.45 pm **Extended surgery and reconstruction**

Mr Paul Weaver

Post treatment oral function

Mr Alex Bird

Laryngeal aspects

Mr David Robinson

Chemotherapy as an adjuvant to radiotherapy

Professor Robert L Souhami

6.45 pm Discussion**7.00 pm** Close**7.30 for** Annual Dinner**8.00 pm**

Tickets at £18.00 should be obtained in advance from Miss Judy Cook, Sections Officer.

OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY**8.00 pm** **Annual General Meeting:** Election of Officers and Council for the 1988/89 Session. A list of nominees can be seen on the noticeboard in the Society's House.**8.15 pm** Subject: **Chorionic villous sampling - antenatal diagnosis**

Further details will be available from Miss Judy Cook, Sections Officer.

Saturday 23 April**FORUM ON SEXUAL MEDICINE & FAMILY PLANNING**

All day meeting: **The quality of sexual life: review, recent developments and future directions**

Further details will be available from Miss Barbara Komoniewska, Assistant Medical Services Secretary.

Monday 25 April**ODONTOLOGY**

To be held at the Royal College of Surgeons

5.00 pm **Annual General Meeting:** Election of Officers and Council for the 1988/89 Session. A list of nominees can be seen on the noticeboard in the Society's House.**Endodontic periodontic interface**

Dr A Hyatt

The microbiology of endodontic and periodontic disease

Dr I Waite, Dr D Beighton

The bulldog skull deformity, and some other mammalian malocclusions

Dr C Grigson

7.30 for**8.00 pm**

Annual Dinner of the Section

This will be held at the Royal Society of Medicine and tickets at £16.00 should be obtained in advance from Mr Martin Mc Mahon, Sections Office.

Thursday-Saturday 28-30 April**VENOUS FORUM**

Two day joint meeting in Nice with the French Phlebology Society.

Further details will be available from Miss Barbara Komoniewska, Assistant Medical Services Secretary.

Thursday 28 April**UROLOGY****6.00 pm** Clinicopathological meeting including the **Winsbury White Lecture**, Guest speaker at the meeting will be Professor Fritz Schroeder.

Further details will be available from Mr Martin Mc Mahon, Sections Office.

Friday 29 April**FORUM ON MATERNITY & THE NEWBORN**

All day meeting: **Reassessment of postnatal care**

Further details will be available from Ms Elizabeth Richardson, Medical Services Department.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Those wishing to present Cases or Short Papers should contact the Hon Secretary of the appropriate Section, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE, as soon as possible.

DERMATOLOGY

19 May 1988 Cases

16 June 1988 Cases. AGM

ENDOCRINOLOGY

29 June 1988 Short Papers

11-13 May 1988

ANGLO-SCANDINAVIAN CONFERENCE ON SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

The first Anglo-Scandinavian Conference organized by the Society, in cooperation with the Danish Medical Society, will be held at the RSM and the scientific programme will consist of 'State of the Art' invited lectures, free communications and poster sessions on the following topics:

Chlamydial infection

Gonorrhoea

Genital herpes

Genital papillomavirus infection

AIDS

Further details and abstract and registration forms are available from Miss Barbara Komoniewska, Assistant Medical Services Secretary.

15-16 September 1988

RESPONDING TO DRUG PROBLEMS: AN ANGLO-DUTCH DEBATE

A discussion conference organized jointly with doctors from the Netherlands to consider and discuss in depth all aspects of drug problems. Early application is advised because numbers are limited.

Details are available from

Miss Barbara Komoniewska, Assistant Medical Services Secretary, 1 Wimpole Street.

26-28 September 1988

RSM - RSMF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

This international conference will be held at the Royal Society of Medicine.

Subject: **Acute pains which persist**

Topics will include:

Post herpetic neuralgia

Reflex sympathetic dystrophy

Rheumatoid arthritis

Is pain prolonged by the patient's attitude?

The meeting will close with debates to determine the needs of both clinical and basic research.

Full programme and registration details are obtainable from Miss Barbara Komoniewska, Assistant Medical Services Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEDICAL SERVICES SECRETARY

Dr Graham Bennette retires as Medical Services Secretary on 30 September this year and the Society has appointed Dr Ronald Mann as his successor.

Dr Mann joins the Society from the Medicines Division of the Department of Health and Social Security where he held the post of Principal Medical Officer. He has also served as the Medical Assessor to the Committee on Safety of Medicines and has many years' experience in the pharmaceutical industry, where he held senior positions with Pfizer Ltd, both in the UK and overseas. He is the author of 'Modern Drug Use' (1984) and of a study of 'William Withering and the Foxglove' (1986) both of which were largely researched and written in the RSM Library, and editor of a study of adverse drug reactions (1987).

Dr Mann will take up his new post on 5 April 1988.

JEPHCOTT LECTURE

The Rt Hon Sir Patrick Nairne GCB MC MA will deliver the Jephcott Lecture, on 'The National Health Service - a grand design in distress' at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 19 April 1988 at 1 Wimpole Street.

All members of the Society and their guests are welcome to apply for tickets to Miss M Mitchell, at 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE.

SOCIETY'S COUNCIL DINNER

Following the Jephcott Lecture on Tuesday 19 April 1988 there will be a Council reception at 7.15 pm and dinner at 7.45 pm.

All present and past Members of Council and of the Education Committee are invited to be present on this occasion. Their guests will be welcome.

The cost, inclusive of drinks at the reception and at dinner, is £18 per person. Day dress will be worn. Those wishing to attend should apply, with remittance, to the Executive Director, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE, as soon as possible.

NEW YEAR HONOURS, 1988

The following Fellows of the Royal Society of Medicine appeared in the New Year Honours List:

Knight Bachelor

Sir Anthony Grabham,

Consultant Surgeon, Kettering and District General Hospital

CB

Dr B H MacGibbon,

Senior Principal Medical Officer, Toxicology & Environment Protection Division, Department of Health and Social Security

DBE

Professor Dame Barbara Clayton,

Professor of Chemical Pathology and Human Metabolism, University of Southampton

NEW YEAR HONOURS, 1988 - contd**CBE**

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Professor of Geriatric Medicine, University of
Manchester

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**ROENTGEN CENTENARY - HISTORICAL
WORKING PARTY****of the British Institute of Radiology**

The Roentgen Centenary will be celebrated in
1995-96. A historical working party consisting of
representatives of all relevant institutional groups
has been set up at the British Institute of Radiology,
to coordinate activities in connection with the
Centenary, and to find ways of establishing a
database of archival material and matters of historical
interest concerned with the development of medical
radiology in the British Isles. The Secretary is
Dr Jean M Guy, Consultant Radiologist, Yeovil
District Hospital. The Chairman is Professor Ian
Isherwood of Manchester.

At its meeting on 26 November 1987, the Council of
the Section of Radiology resolved to give its support to
the historical working party, both in the identification
and preservation of archival material such as letters
and documents relating to the early history of
radiology, and artefacts in the form of items of
equipment of historical interest. The Council of the
Section of Radiology now wishes to draw its members'
attention to these proposed activities and also, in
particular, to preserve and record the whereabouts
of any such archival material. Any member who has
information of particular value or who has a particular
interest in the subject, should contact:

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